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# 2017 Mapleton Town Meeting Minutes

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## 2017 MAPLETON TOWN MEETING MINUTES

*At 3:00 pm Susan Skidgell opened the Meeting by reading the following statement.*

### GREETINGS:

*As directed, Sue Bragdon, Clerk of the Town of MAPLETON, in the county of Aroostook and the State of Maine, have had Dennis Hoffses warn and notify the inhabitants of MAPLETON who are qualified by law to vote in the Town affairs to assemble 3:00 pm Monday, March 20, 2017 at the Mapleton Lions Hall for purpose of acting on Articles 1 & 2*

*True attested copies of the warrant were posted at the Mapleton – Castle Hill – Chapman Town Office, Mapleton One Stop and the Post Office. All being public and conspicuous places for the Town of MAPLETON*

**Art. 1** To elect *by majority on written ballot*, a moderator to preside at said meeting.

*At 3:00 pm Nadiene Brewer nominated Penny Kennedy as Moderator with Bonnie Steeves seconding the motion. No further nominations were made. Skidgell asked for at least three written ballots to be cast. 3 ballots were cast. After the voting ceased, the ballots were counted. All the ballots were for Penney Kennedy. Kennedy opened the polls and read Article 2.*

**Art. 2** To elect *by majority on secret ballot*, according to the provisions of the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 30-A, Section 2528: One (1) Select Board Member for a term of three (3) years; One (1) Assessor for a term of three (3) years; and One (1) Sewer District Trustee for a term of three (3) years.

*At 7:00 pm Kennedy swore in Wesley Lavigne as Deputy Moderator. Lavigne read the following articles and asked for action from the audience of approximately 20 residents.*

**Art. 3** To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to choose all necessary municipal officials for the ensuing year.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 3 as written: Robert Bagley*

*Second: David Maxcy*

*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 4** To see what date the Town will vote taxes to be due and payable.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Due and payable upon receipt of bill.**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 4 as written: Robert Bagley*

*Second: David Maxcy*

*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 5** To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on taxes unpaid as of a certain date; if so, how much and what date.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: 7% effective November 1, 2017**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 5 as written: Robert Bagley*  
*Second: David Maxcy*  
*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 6** To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes paid pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 36, Section 506-A.  
**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: 3%**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 6 as written: Robert Bagley*  
*Second: David Maxcy*  
*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 7** To see if the Town will vote to allow a 1% discount on 2017 taxes paid within 20 days from the date of the tax bill.  
**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 7 as written: Robert Bagley*  
*Second: David Maxcy*  
*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 8** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.  
**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$30,315**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 8 as written: Robert Bagley*  
*Second: David Maxcy*  
*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 9** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Property Services. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.  
**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$1,200**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 9 as written: Robert Bagley*  
*Second: David Maxcy*  
*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 10** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Safety. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.  
**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$36,512**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 10 as written: Robert Bagley*  
*Second: David Maxcy*  
*Question: Was this the same as last year?*  
*Interim Town Manager, Theresa Denbow answered, "yes".*  
*Question: What does the \$36,512 include?*  
*Interim Town Manager, Theresa Denbow read the list of Public Safety Department Mapleton's portion.*  
*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 11** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the Mapleton Sewer District.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 11 as written: Robert Bagley*

*Second: David Maxcy*

*Question: Is this enough?*

*Answer: Yes, this goes into their capital reserve account.*

*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 12** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Community Services. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$65,649**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 12 as written: Robert Bagley*

*Second: David Maxcy*

*Question: What does this include?*

*Interim Town Manager, Theresa Denbow read the list of Community Services Mapleton's portion.*

*Question: Is it factored in that curb side pickup is done March 31?*

*Answer: Yes*

*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 13** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance. Any overdraft to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$11,500**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 13 as written: Robert Bagley*

*Second: David Maxcy*

*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 14** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Reserve Accounts.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: \$128,575**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 14 as written: Robert Bagley*

*Second: David Maxcy*

*Question: Is this comparable to last year?*

*Answer: Yes.*

*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 15** To see if the Town will vote to approve the following total anticipated revenues from State Revenue Sharing, Local Road Assistance Program, Surplus Use and all other revenues, as estimated, and appropriate said sum for the purpose of reducing the overall Tax Commitment:

State Revenue Sharing	\$ 68,000
Local Road Assistance Program	\$ 37,000
Surplus Use	\$ 65,000
All Other Revenue	<u>\$504,811</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$674,811



**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 15 as written: Robert Bagley*

*Second: David Maxcy*

*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 16** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$707,723 as its share of Joint Expenses for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2017, said appropriations having been set by the Joint Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement and Private and Special Laws of 2009. Said appropriations comprised, as follows:

	2017 PROPOSED
General Government	\$243,591
Highway	\$220,695
Fire	\$ 93,131
Recreation	\$ 36,731
Property Services	\$ 37,441
Public Safety	\$ 4,924
Reserve Accounts	<u>\$ 71,210</u>
TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES	\$707,723

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 16 as written: Robert Bagley*

*Second: David Maxcy*

*Question: Is this the appropriate time to discuss purchasing another plow truck?*

*Answer: No, you can only lower not higher the amount on this article. Items can be discussed/introduced during budget meetings in the fall*

*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 17** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$445,717 established for the Town by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit.

**If the preceding articles are not changed, then vote to take no action on this article. Otherwise, SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to take no action on Article 17 as we are under the tax levy limit: Robert Bagley*

*Second: David Maxcy*

*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 18** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate all interest earned or capital gains realized on Reserve Accounts as Interest Earned Revenue.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 18 as written: Robert Bagley*

*Second: David Maxcy*

*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 19** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all revenues from recreation fees to reduce recreation expenses and to place any remaining fundraising revenues into the recreation reserve account, according to the Interlocal Agreement.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 19 as written: Robert Bagley*

*Second: David Maxcy*

*Request: Explanation of recreation fees*

*Interim Town Manager, Theresa Denbow explained the fees are from swimming lessons, etc.*

*Question: If revenues go into the recreation reserve account, do they stay there?*

*Answer: Yes*

*Question: How are donations handled?*

*Answer: Donations are handled on a case by case basis. All donations go through the Select Board Members.*

*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art 20** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all General Assistance reimbursements from the State of Maine to reduce the Town's General Assistance expenses.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 20 as written: Robert Bagley*

*Second: David Maxcy*

*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 21** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount equal to 3/12th of the 2017 budget from January 2018 until a budget is adopted. This will allow the Town to operate during the 3 months prior to the annual town meeting.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 21 as written: Robert Bagley*

*Second: David Maxcy*

*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 22** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to expend funds from the Local Road Improvement reserve account in the best interest of the Town, when proper funds are available.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 22 as written: Robert Bagley*

*Second: David Maxcy*

*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 23** To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds received from snowmobile registrations - 50% to the Chapman Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club and 50% to the Aroostook River Snowmobile Club - provided they maintain trails for recreational use which may be used by the general public.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 23 as written: Robert Bagley*  
*Second: David Maxcy*  
*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 24** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to purchase property or equipment to benefit, or for the best interest of the Town, when proper funds are available.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 24 as written: Robert Bagley*  
*Second: David Maxcy*  
*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 25** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to sell any outdated capital equipment on such terms as they deem advisable and place such funds in the equipment reserve fund, according to the Interlocal Agreement.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 25 as written: Robert Bagley*  
*Second: David Maxcy*  
*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 26** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate, however acquired, on such terms as they deem advisable, to execute a municipal quit claim deed without covenants on such property, and to lease property and sell stumpage on such terms as they deem advisable. Real estate sales shall be offered by sealed bid after notice of sale has been advertised for two (2) consecutive weeks, unless the property is offered to the previous owner for accumulated taxes, interest, and other costs against said property.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 26 as written: Robert Bagley*  
*Second: David Maxcy*  
*Comment: Selling stumpage, should the select board members consider water rights, mining rights – comment noted.*  
*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 27** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to apply for, accept and expend grant funds from state government agencies, federal government agencies, or private organizations, for any purpose they deem in the best interest of the Town.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 27 as written: Robert Bagley*  
*Second: David Maxcy*  
*Question: Do we have nay grants pending that we have applied for?*  
*Interim Town Manager, Theresa Denbow answered, "No".*  
*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 28** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts and real estate which may be given to the Town, and to accept funds from the State of



Maine, the United States and from other identified sources, and to appropriate any funds received to specified or appropriate accounts or funds.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 28 as written: Robert Bagley*

*Second: David Maxcy*

*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 29** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to execute contracts of terms three (3) years or less, for services deemed in the best interest of the Town.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 29 as written: Robert Bagley*

*Second: David Maxcy*

*Clarification: What contracts are we talking about?*

*Interim Town Manager, Theresa Denbow and select board members answered, Phone service, mowing, the municipal building was painted, most contracts are annually, some are three years.*

*Motion passed by a show of cards*

**Art. 30** To see if the Town, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of Maine, Title 36, Section 506, will authorize the tax collector and town treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.

**SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Approval**

*Motion to accept the Selectmen's Recommendation on Article 30 as written: Robert Bagley*

*Second: David Maxcy*

*Question: Why don't we pay interest on prepayment of taxes?*

*Interim Town Manager and Select Board Members answered – it is the customer's choice to pay early.*

*Motion passed by a show of cards*

Lavigne announced the results of the election and are as follows:

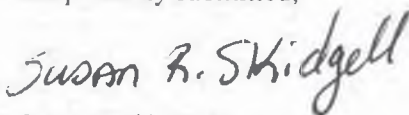
Selectman (3 year term) David Dunlavey with 24 votes

Assessor (3 year term) David Maxcy with 25 votes

Sewer District Trustee (3 year term) Jeffrey Cray with 26 votes

No further business was discussed. A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Bagley and seconded by David Maxcy. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan R. Skidgell  
Deputy Clerk



